

BEST Agenda SCORECARD--Securing America's Future:

Bolstering National Security, Education Excellence, Strengthening Retirement Security, & Tax Relief for Workers

<i>Bill Number-Title-Lead Sponsor(s)</i>	<i>Legislative Summary</i>	<i>Legislative Action</i>
H.R. 1 <i>President's Social Security Legislation</i> Reserved by Speaker J. Dennis Hastert for the President	H.R. 1 is a placeholder for the President's legislative details on Social Security.	President Clinton failed to submit actual legislation until October 26, 1999
H.R. 2 <i>Dollars to the Classroom Act</i> Education Chairman Bill Goodling (R-PA), Virgil Goode (D-VA), Joe Pitts (R-PA) & Adam Smith (D-WA)	The <i>Dollars Act</i> helps improve our children's learning by sending federal education dollars directly to the classroom and gives parents, teachers, and local school boards more control over education decisions through funding flexibility.	<i>Education Funding Flexibility</i> <u>Signed into law</u> on April 29, 1999
H.R. 3 <i>The 10% Tax Cut Act</i> Budget Chairman John Kasich (R-OH)	The Kasich <i>10% Tax Cut Act</i> provides fair, across-the-board tax relief by cutting income taxes by 10%.	1% across-the-board rate cut <u>Vetoed by President</u> on September 23, 1999
H.R. 4 <i>National Missile Defense Act</i> Military R&D Chairman Curt Weldon (R-PA) & Budget Ranking Member John Spratt (D-SC)	Because our citizens are left unprotected to foreign missile threats, the Weldon-Spratt <i>Defense Act</i> allows the U.S. to develop and deploy a missile defense system (currently non-existent) to respond to terrorists around the globe.	<i>National Missile Defense</i> <u>Signed into law</u> on July 22, 1999
H.R. 5 <i>Senior Citizens' Freedom to Work Act</i> Reps. Sam Johnson (R-TX) & Collin Peterson (D-MN)	Eliminating the Social Security earnings limit secures our seniors' future by allowing them to work without the fear of losing one-third of their Social Security benefits.	Ways & Means Committee Hearing on June 9-10, 1999
H.R. 6 <i>Marriage Tax Elimination Act of 1999</i> Reps. Jerry Weller (R-IL), Pat Danner (D-MO) & David McIntosh (R-IN)	The <i>Marriage Tax Elimination Act</i> secures our families' future by repealing the discriminatory marriage penalty which costs the average American family \$1,400 per year.	<i>Taxpayer Relief Act</i> <u>Vetoed by the President</u> on September 23, 1999
H.R. 7 <i>Education Savings & School Excellence Act</i> Reps. Kenny Hulshof (R-MO) & Bill Lipinski (D-IL)	Tax-free Education Savings Accounts allow parents to responsibly save for their families' education needs without being punished by Uncle Sam's onerous Tax Code.	<i>Taxpayer Relief Act</i> <u>Vetoed by the President</u> on September 23, 1999
H.R. 8 <i>Death Tax Elimination Act of 1999</i> Reps. Jennifer Dunn (R-WA) & John Tanner (D-TN)	Killing the non-compassionate death tax that confiscates up to 55% of the value of one's family farm, small business or other possessions once they die – items they already paid taxes on when alive – helps secure our families' future.	<i>Taxpayer Relief Act</i> <u>Vetoed by the President</u> on September 23, 1999
H.R. 9 <i>Securing America's Future Uniformed Services Act</i> Military Personnel Chairman Steve Buyer (R-IN)	<i>SAFE-USA</i> helps revitalize our nation's military and improve the quality of life for members of our Armed Forces and their families by including a 4.8% pay-raise.	<i>FY2000 Defense Spending</i> <u>Signed into law</u> on October 26, 1999
H.R. 10 <i>Financial Services Act of 1999</i> Banking Chairman Jim Leach (R-IA)	H.R. 10's one-stop financial shopping will save consumers an estimated \$15 billion annually through competition between banks, insurance companies and securities firms.	<i>Financial Services Act</i> <u>Signed into law</u> on November 12, 1999